

ESF #7 - LAW ENFORCEMENT

Participating Departments/Agencies:

Department of Corrections
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Game and Parks Commission
 Law Enforcement Division
State Fire Marshal
 Investigation Division
State Patrol
Military Department
Department of Roads
University of Nebraska System

I. ESF #7 PURPOSE

The purpose of this ESF is to establish procedures for the command, control and coordination of all state law enforcement personnel and equipment to support local law enforcement agencies before, during and immediately following a Governor's emergency proclamation.

II. SITUATION

A. Disaster Condition

A major or catastrophic disaster will be of such severity and magnitude as to require state law enforcement, including the Nebraska National Guard, to supplement local law enforcement efforts to save lives and protect property.

B. Assumptions

1. Response requirements of the disaster or emergency incident will be an immediate and continuous demand for law enforcement and security. The demand will eventually exceed the capabilities of the affected local law enforcement agencies.
2. Police agencies may request assistance from other Police Agencies and their County Sheriff's office.
3. County Sheriffs may request assistance from other Sheriffs.
4. State law enforcement and Nebraska National Guard resources also may be sought by the affected local law enforcement agencies in addition to other requested assistance.

5. Local jurisdictions have developed Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP) to guide emergency response personnel during the mitigation of an incident. LEOP documents will serve as a reference for state emergency response agencies. State agencies will consult mobilization plans respective to their area of operation for further guidance.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. In support of ESF #7, the Nebraska State Patrol will provide a representative to serve as the NEMA designated ESF Coordinator (ESFC) for ESF #7. In the event of a potential or real disaster event, the ESFC will be notified by the SEOC. Upon SEOC request, the ESFC will be available to respond to communication-related requests submitted through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). When activation of the SEOC is implemented, and the NEMA requests, the ESFC will activate ESF #7, identify which participating departments/agencies are needed, and take steps to insure that the departments/agencies are activated or on alert as appropriate.
- B. ESF #7 will:
 1. Coordinate and direct requests for local law enforcement assistance. After evacuation efforts are completed, ESF #7 will coordinate requests for transportation resources with other ESF's to provide the necessary assistance.
 2. Assess local law enforcement and security requirements.
 3. Coordinate state law enforcement resources intended to supplement the needs of local law enforcement. State law enforcement resources may be directed to assist other agencies or volunteer entities with enforcement and security issues during disaster response and recovery.
 4. Coordinate with Support departments/agencies to prioritize and develop strategies for a coordinated response; continually reassess priorities to address the most critical transportation needs.
 5. Track resources which are committed to specific missions.
 6. Re-deploy and re-stage resources as appropriate.
 7. Provide ESF #1 with all available support during an emergency to facilitate the movement of traffic along the state's road systems.

IV. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ESF #7 will utilize personnel and resources from participating departments/agencies to respond to mission assignments related to emergencies/disasters. Additional resources available at other ESF's may be coordinated and mobilized to support ESF #7 missions. When requests exceed the state's capability to respond, additional resources (i.e. federal resources, contractual agreements, and mutual aid agreements) will be mobilized. All personnel and resources mobilized by ESF #7 will remain under the direction and control of the ESFC #7, unless otherwise designated.

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NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

I. PURPOSE

- A. It is the intent of this plan to outline the duties and responsibilities of the Nebraska State Patrol should an emergency/disaster situation occur in the state. The event and its magnitude will determine the amount of personnel and resources committed to a particular area.
- B. However, in the case of a catastrophic incident, the Nebraska State Patrol will need the assistance of many other local, state and federal agencies.
- C. The purpose of this Emergency Operating Plan is to outline the management procedures that the Nebraska State Patrol will administer in the event of a disaster or event that requires the assignment of large numbers of State Patrol personnel.

II. SITUATIONS

When a disaster or incident occurs in Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol is usually the first state agency contacted by individuals or local officials.

III. ASSUMPTIONS AND PLANNING FACTORS

- A. Under normal circumstances a State Patrol Trooper is the first state representative at the scene of a disaster. This is most evident in the rural areas of the state.
- B. Under such emergency conditions all affected law enforcement agencies will cooperate with each other.
- C. Local officials will have a current Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).
- D. The respective Troop Commander shall be responsible for command and control of all Nebraska State Patrol personnel in the affected area.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The primary responsibility of the Nebraska State Patrol is the protection of life and property. The Nebraska State Patrol is geographically aligned with six troop areas, each with a designated headquarters city. Field services operations are coordinated in each troop area by a Troop Area Commander. In addition, the command

administration and support services are located at the State Headquarters facility in Lincoln.

A. Law and Order

1. Under disaster conditions the Nebraska State Patrol will respond, to protect life and property when actions to cope with the situation exceed local government capabilities, and when a local government official requests aid.
2. Upon notification of a potential or actual disaster situation, the NSP will notify the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and if necessary the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR).
3. Upon arrival at the disaster scene, NSP personnel will secure the area. If personal injuries are involved, they will give first aid and call for ambulances, as required and assume the role of State Liaison.
4. In the event of a serious incident involving a significant requirement for state assistance, a representative of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will assume the overall duty as State Liaison. It will be incumbent upon the Director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, or his designee to respond to the scene and assume these duties.
5. Nebraska State Patrol personnel will assist local law enforcement with traffic control to allow only authorized personnel and equipment into the disaster area. Access will be controlled to the area and the command post will be responsible for implementing a system.
6. The NSP will establish a Nebraska State Patrol Incident Command Post, if deemed necessary. Such system will coordinate communication issues with the State Patrol officers assigned to the area, local law enforcement agencies, the State EOC and the Nebraska National Guard.

B. Search and Rescue

1. The local authorities are primarily responsible for coordinating surface search and rescue operations in Nebraska. The NSP role in actual search and rescue will be primarily to coordinate efforts of those local resources knowledgeable of the search area, i.e., local law enforcement, state agency personnel and volunteer rescue units.
2. Request for search and rescue assistance may originate with local authorities or may be relayed through the NEMA. All requests for search and rescue assistance, regardless of origination, shall be directed to the NEMA. The State Patrol, in cooperation with the originating agency and other appropriate entities, shall coordinate search and rescue operations.

3. The Nebraska State Patrol will cooperate with the Civil Air Patrol in air search and rescue operation.

C. Direction and Control

1. General Responsibilities

The Superintendent of the NSP will have supervision and control for the purpose of proper management of all members and employees of the Nebraska State Patrol.

D. Line of Succession

In the event the Superintendent of the NSP is not able or available to perform his duties, his succession of authority is as follows:

1. Superintendent
2. Assistant Superintendent
3. Designated Major
4. Designated Troop Area Commander

E. Administration and Logistics

1. Management of Resources

- a. Employees of the Nebraska State Patrol who are assigned to duties in a disaster area will utilize the established laws, rules, regulations and guidelines for procuring the necessary resources to perform their duties.
- b. Immediate operational response to a disaster situation is the responsibility of the troop commander in whose area the disaster occurs. The Troop Area Commander will direct establishment of an NSP Incident Command Post and if necessary, ensure that the disaster area is cordoned to exclude sightseers and non-emergency workers from the area of destruction.
- c. The ranking State Patrol Officer at the disaster scene will be responsible for coordination of state assistance and advice to the local elected government.

2. Support - the following agencies will provide support to the Nebraska State Patrol.

- a. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Will coordinate state, local, volunteer and federal assistance to the NSP in both law and order and search and rescue roles.
- b. Nebraska National Guard (ANG). The National Guard will be activated only when directed by the Governor. Upon activation, the ANG may:
 - 1) Provide assistance to NSP in law and order activities.
 - 2) Provide personnel and/or equipment to search for and/or rescue disaster victims, i.e., flood victims, air crash victims, etc.
- c. Nebraska Department Of Roads (NDOR).
 - 1) NDOR equipment will be available to remove wreckage and to reach trapped personnel and allow rescue units into disaster areas.
 - 2) The NDOR will supply city or local maps to the NSP for disaster operations or search and rescue operations.
- d. Game and Parks Commission
 - 1) Game and Parks Commission enforcement personnel are uniformed, armed and may be used at the disaster scene for law enforcement duties.
 - 2) Game and Parks personnel and equipment may be utilized during search and rescue operations.

F. Troop Operation Plan

1. Notification/Response

In the event of a catastrophic event anywhere within the State of Nebraska, Troop Area personnel shall ensure that the appropriate command administration officer is notified at State Headquarters.

2. Staging Areas

A location will be designated as a staging area and if necessary as a command post. From this location assignments can be made as well as other logistical needs.

3. Emergency Communication

In the event that existing NSP Communication facilities are significantly disrupted, the agency will, contact NEMA for assistance in obtaining portable repeater antennas, other communications equipment, or technical assistance as needed to restore communications capabilities.

V. CONCEPTS OF OPERATIONS

- A. The Nebraska State Patrol was created for the purpose of enforcing motor vehicle traffic laws and other state laws relating to protecting and properly maintaining the state highway system of the State of Nebraska, and to render effective enforcement of criminal law.
- B. Each Troop Area Commander shall be responsible for obtaining a list of personnel and resources available in their respective counties. This information shall be maintained at the Troop Area level consistent with NSP Policy 05-07 (Unusual Occurrences); NSP SOP Manual 46-1 (Mobilization Plan). Troop Area Commanders shall refer to the appropriate Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) for further consultation and a listing of resources and response agencies. In addition, Troop Area Commanders shall consult the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) for direction and guidance regarding the duties and responsibilities of the ESF #7 Coordinator.

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